GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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USE SUPPLY OF GAS AS FUEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gas is main source of fuel in the county and its demand exceeds supply;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has selected certain sectors on priority for use of gas keeping in view the limited availability of gas;

(d) if so, the names of the said sectors; and

(e) the percentage of gas consumption in each of the said sectors in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): According to the report of Working Group on Petroleum & Natural Gas for XI Plan, natural gas fulfills about 8.5% of the energy needs of the country. The estimated demand of natural gas for 2007-08 was 179.17 Million Standard Cubic Meters per day (mmscmd). As against this, the present total availability of natural gas in the country is 114.74 mmscmd.

(c) to (e): Government has been giving priority, inter alia to Fertilizer and Power sectors for supply of natural gas. Presently Fertilizer and Power sectors consume around 29% and 40% of the natural gas available for distribution in the country.